



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 9278**
Giacomo Ezio MAZZER : **Docket No. 2002-0335A**
Serial No. 10/070,686 : **Group Art Unit 1771**
Filed March 8, 2002 : **Examiner Jenna Leigh Befumo**

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FOR FLEXIBLE TUBES :

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE
FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of November 12, 2003, the time for responding thereto being extended for one month in accordance with a Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows: